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In the Application of Ernst Michael Winter, Lothar Schäfer and Thorsten Matthée

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For: GEMSTONES

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Washington, DC 20231

REQUEST FOR REFUND

Sir:

Enclosed is a copy of a 10/82b small entity statement being filed today for the above-identified application. It is respectfully requested that a refund in the amount of \$495.00 (excess filing fee paid 840.00) be sent to the undersigned.

Respectfully Submitted,

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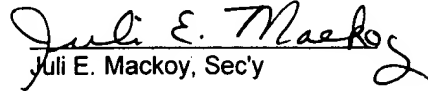
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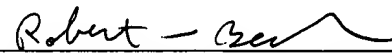
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LETTER

Sir:

Although no Form PCT/DO/EO/905 has been received, Applicant herewith submits the Assignment and Small Entity Statement. Please charge the \$40.00 Assignment Filing Fee to Deposit Account #02-1653. In the event there is any discrepancy in the amount sent herewith, or at any future time during the prosecution of this application, please charge any additional amount to Deposit Account #02-1653.

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